

TO BETTER YOUR

Living



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Ideas for the home... to better your living

Your growing family, the desire to make your home measure up to today's living standards, the will to be an active participant in improving your neighborhood are all motivating factors in every home improvement program.

Money spent to accomplish these desires is not expense, but rather an investment you make toward better family living, more enjoyment and enhancement of your property values. An investment that pays dividends of great value.

The purpose of this beautiful book is to bring you the newest and latest in modern improvement ideas. All suggestions illustrated on the following pages are practical and carefully planned for convenience and enjoyment.

Each is an inspiration to help you make your home wake up and live—and now is the time to plan your improvements. You'll find they add up to big dividends in value and better living.



Here is an informal room where the family can be at home. Floor-to-ceiling windows, rugged masonry, pecky cypress on the wall and mellow oak flooring contribute to the comfortable feeling.



Inside plantings and wood paneled walls add zest to the living room.

ADD-A-ROOM

one easy way to better living

Crowded for space? While there are many ways to achieve that extra living area, "spreading out" with a new wing is not only practical but it also adds to the beauty and value of your home.



ROOM ADDITION AT ONE
END OF BUILDING



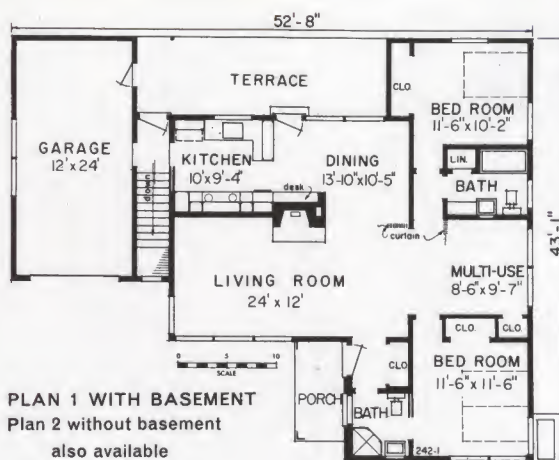
REAR ADDITION EXTENDING
INTO REAR YARD



ADD ROOMS BY EXTENDING
WIDTH OF BUILDING

Most homes can be altered, expanded and modernized within a few weeks through use of the building materials readily available. The above illustrations are examples of how a room can be added to an existing structure. Adding a room is one easy way to better your living!

EXTERIOR IMPROVEMENT IDEAS



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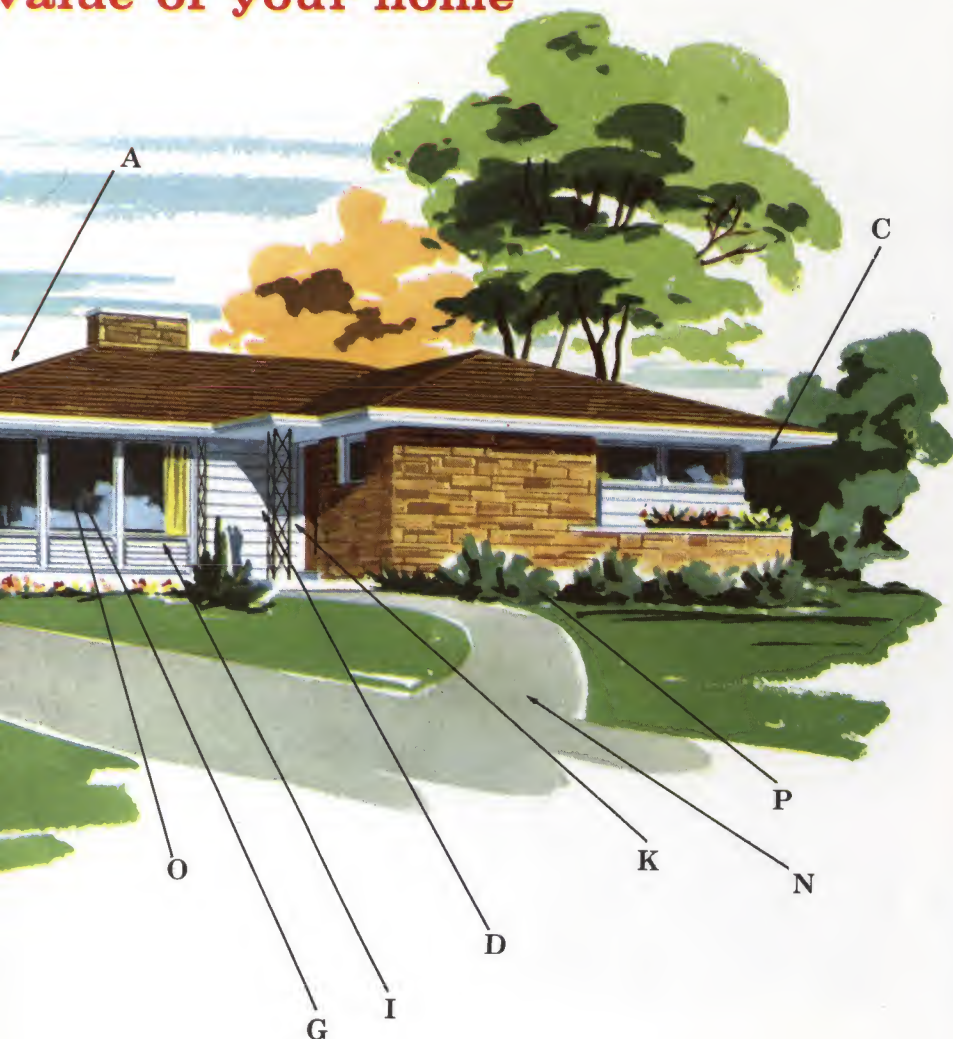
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Proper care is one of the most exciting and interesting phases of owning your own home. Well planned exterior home improvements add to the value of your property and reflect your individual tastes in good living.

A house needn't be run down with age before you modernize it. In addition to the usual painting and minor repairs, why not modernize your home while you bring it up to par? Now that outdoor living has moved to the rear of the house, it is quite possible that a family room with adjacent patio will add new and refreshing lines to your home. A new exterior of vertical, horizontal or shingle siding, a new window treatment, a new roof and your house will be as good as new.

May we suggest that you consider some or all of these exterior improvement ideas.

value of your home



Here are additional improvement suggestions that will help you take an inventory of possible changes or maintenance needed to add beauty and charm to your home.

- A New Roof
- B Exterior Wall Insulation
- C Paint-up. New Brushes
- D New Wall Covering Over Old
- E New Gutters and Downspouts
- F Provision for Extra Lighting
- G Combination Storm-Screen Window Units
- H New Garage Doors
- I New Blinds and Louvers
- J New Fencing
- K Flower Boxes and Trellises
- L New Lawn Furniture
- M Patio or Outdoor Living Porch
- N Sidewalks, Driveway
- O Picture Windows
- P Shrubbery

HOME

IMPROVEMENT

CHECK LIST

- ☐ Air Conditioning
- ☐ Asphalt Tile for _____
- ☐ Attic Room ☐ Basement Room
- ☐ Bathroom Fixtures
- ☐ Barbecue
- ☐ Basement Entrance Door
- ☐ Built-ins for _____
- ☐ Carport
- ☐ Ceramic Tile For _____
- ☐ Dishwasher
- ☐ Doors, ☐ Louvered Type Doors
- ☐ Electrical Outlets, New Wiring, Fixtures, etc.
- ☐ Family Room ☐ Fencing
- ☐ Flooring, ☐ Floor Coverings,
- ☐ Floor Tile
- ☐ Garage, ☐ New Garage Doors
- ☐ Gates
- ☐ Garbage Disposer
- ☐ Gutters, ☐ Downspouts
- ☐ Hardware ☐ Heating System
- ☐ Insulation for Walls, ☐ for Ceilings
- ☐ Kitchen Cabinets, ☐ Kitchen Fan
- ☐ Linoleum
- ☐ Lumber
- ☐ Medicine Cabinet
- ☐ Millwork
- ☐ Paint Exterior, ☐ Paint Interior
- ☐ Patio
- ☐ Plumbing Accessories
- ☐ Plywood ☐ Porch
- ☐ Roofing ☐ Screens
- ☐ Shingles ☐ Shrubbery
- ☐ Siding ☐ Sink
- ☐ Storage Walls
- ☐ Storm Doors and Windows
- ☐ Tool House
- ☐ Varnish for Floors,
- ☐ for Woodwork
- ☐ Wallboard ☐ Wall Coverings
- ☐ Wall Heater ☐ Wallpaper
- ☐ Wall Tile ☐ Water Heater
- ☐ Water Softener
- ☐ Weatherstripping
- ☐ Windows
- ☐ Work Shop ☐ Yard Furniture

something special in kitchens...

There is a new trend in kitchens. Automatic and worksaving appliances, more and better storage and room for more activities make it more functional and efficient for Mrs. America and her family. Each illustration here is an example of how you, too, can apply imagination and good planning to give you a modern and efficient kitchen.



This corridor kitchen has range, sink and refrigerator all in a row. An arrangement of this type insures a relatively traffic-free work area. If there is an alternate path, however, the refrigerator might be more conveniently placed across from the sink.



Left—It's the little things that can make life more pleasant—the built-in slide table for a quick snack, planting box under the window, storage cabinets facing two directions.



Above we have a kitchen that offers more than meets the eye, for sink and refrigerator are around the corner. The island cabinet in the center provides countertop space for both the kitchen and dining areas. Copper hood over the range adds a colorful touch to the natural-wood cabinet background.



Above is a typical L-shaped kitchen. As laid out here, the traffic path skirts the work triangle between refrigerator, range and sink.



The L-shaped kitchen is probably found in more homes than any other. This colorful kitchen at the left has oven, refrigerator and sink all within a couple of steps of each other. Here, convenience and efficiency is compactly arranged in a minimum of space.



Muted colors in the hand-hooked rug and the fireside chairs look at home against these wormy chestnut walls which have been given a natural finish. Books and copper pieces on the shelves add a desired richness to this appealing living room. Minimum upkeep is another feature of these walls.

paneled walls...

are an easy and economical way to add character and charm to any room. Available in a wide selection of grains and tones, wood brings a dramatic field of interior decorating and finishing to the homemaker. Outstandingly beautiful on walls, paneling can also serve wonderfully for accent accessories.



The walls of the pine-paneled living room above, painted in soft colors, offer a perfect background for the greenery of the planting wall and for bright accent colors in the furnishings.

new ceilings and walls

...EASY TO APPLY

Insulating board plank and ceiling tile offers a wide horizon for the homemaker planning interior remodeling. Easy to apply insulating panels are offered in a wide selection of shapes, sizes, textures and colors. You'll find it's a snap to plan really smart interiors...and at low cost, too.

Insulating board plank and tile combined with good taste in colors and built-in facilities created this attractive room.

Below is another illustration of the beauty and charm of wood paneling in the modern home.



for the leisure time of your life...

LOOK TO YOUR ALL-PURPOSE ROOM

For play, hobbies and work, a recreation room can be as pleasant and inviting as any part of the house. Actually, in many homes, the all-activities area is now replacing the living room as the play-entertainment center of the house. Of course, you'll want to keep in mind the elements of all good remodeling projects—new wall, ceiling and floor surfaces, built-in features, storage areas and a free use of color and good lighting.



Modern materials and a little imagination can result in an activity room like this for your family, too.

Below is another version of a family fun and game room. Folding panel doors can be left open or closed. Snack bar at the left makes this a perfect party room.





Walls of pecky cypress, given a coat of varnish, create a rich, mellow background for the handsome room shown above. Simulated bamboo furniture, cushions, seat pads, and pillows in turquoise and yellow complete the tropical theme.



Right—A built-in desk and a shelf for books and whatnots took a small amount of extra time and material but their value is obvious.





Wood played an important part in planning the extra bedroom shown above. Sidewalls of hardwood plywood blend with natural birch wardrobe doors and trim to create a rich background. Carpeting, bright bed coverings and ceiling paper were carefully selected to accent the beauty of the wood paneling.

family expanding?... CONSIDER UNUSED SPACE FOR EXTRA LIVING AREA

When your family needs more living space, there are four ideal locations to consider. They are the basement, attic, garage and porch or breezeway. Because part of the work is already finished, you'll find any of these areas economical to remodel through use of the building materials readily available.



Wood paneling and rich oak flooring were used to give a mannish atmosphere to this bedroom.



Small cabinets above, cabinets under the lavatory, shelf space even in the divider between toilet and lavatory furnish storage space equal to a linen closet.

how's your bathroom?...

IT CAN BE MODERN, TOO

Use of colorful tile, paint, wallpaper, wood paneling, beautiful plastics, unusual mirror shapes, modern bathroom fixtures in white or in color contributes to greater charm and exciting beauty in the bathroom of today. And it doesn't cost any more to have an exciting bathroom than it does to have a drab uninteresting room. The glamor that you achieve is in the selection of colors, use of tile patterns or wallpaper, interesting uses of counter tops, shelves and built-ins.



Above—With an accent on glamor, this bathroom tears a page from an old Roman book. Bath is a completely tiled enclosure. Shallow cabinet over lavatory counter is a new approach to medical supply storage.



A colorful vanity-lavatory and attractive wall and floor treatment lends this room an air of high style.

built-ins GIVE YOU A SPACE FOR EVERYTHING

Planned built-ins are a boon for the growing family—space to store the everyday items they need and use. Look around. You'll find you can use built-ins, too. They save space and take advantage of non-working areas. The back of a door, low hanging eaves and unused space beneath stairways are just a few of the many spots in which built-ins can be put to work for you. Living with built-ins can be pleasant and convenient.



Even your bedroom closets can be built-ins. Short items on hangers do not require space from floor to ceiling, as evidenced by the open closet in the photo above.



Above—These two floor-to-ceiling closets, built in one either side of the lavatory, make use of space that would be wasted.



A vanity, installed under a window or in a mirrored recess, is provided with ultra-convenience by drawers below.

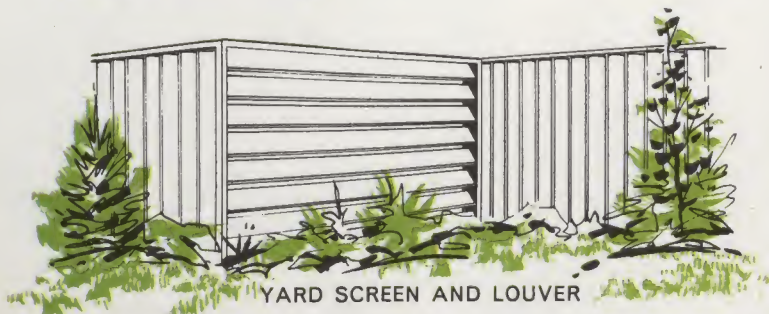
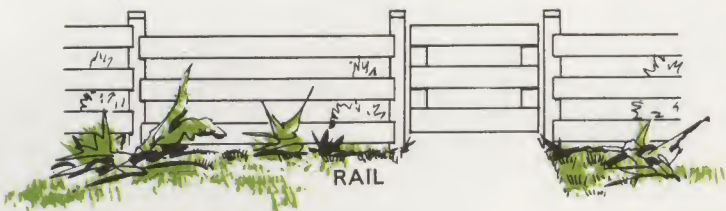
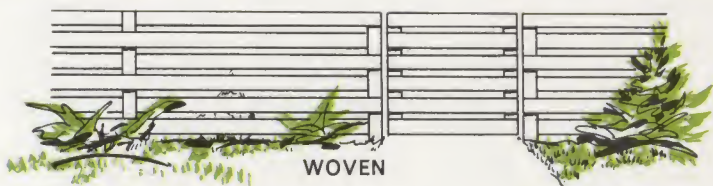
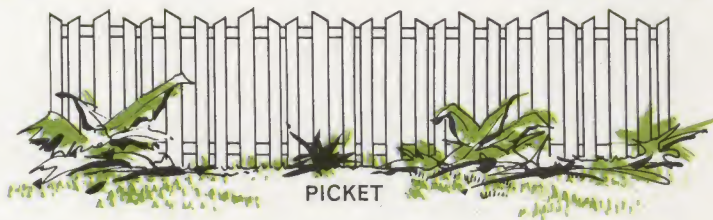


A patio close to the house can actually be your outdoor living room. Note the privacy fence.

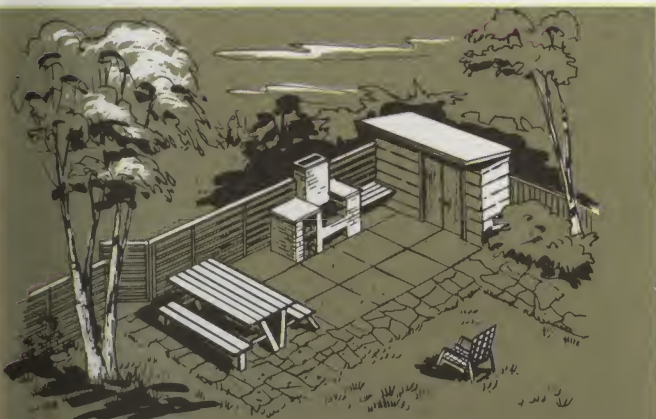
ideas FOR YOUR OUTDOOR LIVING PLEASURE

Outdoor living today means living, dining, entertaining and playing out of doors for as much of the year as possible. Create definite areas for each of these activities and plan each in terms of furniture, fencing and other necessary equipment needed to make it attractive and enjoyable.

NEW FENCING SUGGESTIONS



This porch-patio is a good idea, too. If desired, porch area can be screened and glazed.



Here's a pleasant and secluded patio for your backyard. The storage shed, privacy fence and barbecue are all desirable features.

